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Honorable Barbara F. Vucanovich
House of Representatives
2202 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
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Dear Congresswoman Vucanovich:

This responds to your letter of October 8, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, John E. Petersen, General Manager of Rio Virgin Telephone Company, expresses support for a petition filed by Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association and Western Rural Telephone Association. This petition addresses how competitive bidding procedures and the PCS licensing structure would permit rural telephone systems to provide PCS in their own service area.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission addressed the concerns of rural telephone companies when it adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposing competitive bidding rules to select PCS licensees. This action was taken to implement provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 stat. 312. In its Notice, PP Docket No. 93-253, the Commission proposed licensing preferences in one 20 megahertz and one 10 megahertz frequency block for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women. In addition, the Commission proposed that qualifying bidders competing for licenses be permitted to pay their winning bid over time and that their qualifying deposit be less than that required by applicants generally. The Commission also sought comment on whether tax certificates might be used to facilitate the deployment of PCS by designated groups. These proposals respond to the issues raised in Rocky Mountain's petition.

Honorable Barbara F. Vucanovich

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The Commission's decisions addressing PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to ensure expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas. I am attaching the press releases for the dockets addressed above that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Stanley".

for Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

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Mr. James Quello
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you to request your assistance in a matter that has recently been brought to my attention.

One of my constituents, Mr. John E. Petersen, has written me regarding the unique problems faced by western rural telephone companies. I would greatly appreciate your reviewing and addressing the concerns of Mr. Petersen. I have enclosed a copy of the letter for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH
Member of Congress

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September 14, 1993

Representative Barbara Vucanovich
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Dear Representative Barbara Vucanovich,

As a rural telephone company serving your constituents, we request that you contact the Federal Communications Commission by September 15, 1993, urging them to adopt the recommendations made in the September 10, 1993 Petition for Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking filed by Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association and Western Rural Telephone Association. This Petition points out the unique problems faced by western rural telephone companies, and the solutions needed to ensure Personal Communications Service ("PCS") to rural areas as mandated by Congress. You have already received a letter from these telephone associations asking for your support.

Sincerely,